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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON KAHEKILI HIGHWAY FROM THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION TO KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, residents of the windward side of Oahu stretching from Kane'ohe to Kahalu'u and even to La'ie have complained for years about the rush-hour traffic congestion on Kahekili Highway; and

WHEREAS, the traffic congestion poses a risk for increased accidents, degrades the citizens' quality of life, and causes motorists to lose valuable time in their commute to and from work; and

WHEREAS, afternoon traffic congestion on the windward side of Oahu is further exacerbated by traffic from the Haiku Road intersection to Kamehameha Highway due to the merging of three lanes to a single lane for north-bound traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over State highways such as Kahekili Highway; and

WHEREAS, the rush-hour traffic congestion problem needs to be remedied to shorten commute times, allow residents a better quality of life, and address community safety concerns; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Transportation is requested to conduct a traffic study and make recommendations to alleviate traffic congestion on Kahekili Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the traffic study identify the causes of the traffic congestion and solutions to ease the traffic congestion, including the widening of Kahekili Highway, providing public transportation express routes for University of Hawai'i students from Windward Community College to University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and deploying contraflow lanes, among other appropriate solutions; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to schedule and hold community informational briefings during the course of the study; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation and any actions taken, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

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